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Mr. Roger Smith
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Dear Roger:

On June 13, 2007, I attempted to conduct an aerial survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Fort Dix. The survey was scheduled between 0700 and 0800 on that date. Due to weather restrictions (low clouds and fog), the survey was delayed until 0830. By that time, the firing ranges were "hot" and flight into Fort Dix airspace was prohibited. The only area of Fort Dix that I was able to survey was eastern portion near Lakehurst Naval Air Station. Approximately 416 acres of heavy defoliation (51-100 %) were detected in the eastern portion of Fort Dix and an additional 122 acres of heavy defoliation in the vicinity on non-federal lands (Figure 1). For your information, I have also enclosed the defoliation survey results at Lakehurst NAS (Figure 2).

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2008, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 24, 2007.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Whiteman

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Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted on the eastern side of Ft Dix on June 13, 2007.

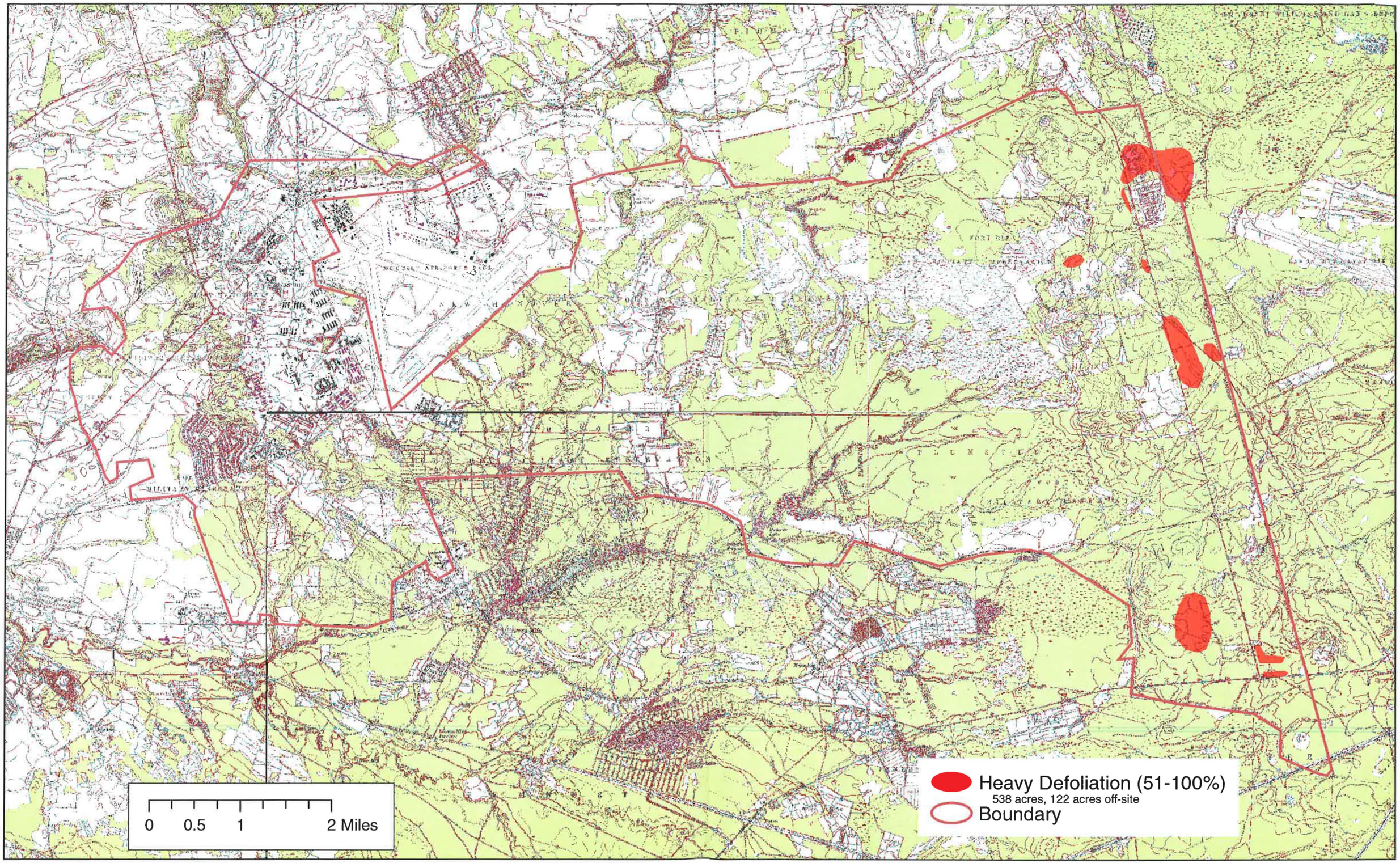

Figure 2. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Lakehurst Naval Air Station on June 12, 2007.